

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An information exchange method used for furnishing, according to an instruction from a server, to terminal devices, a given number of pieces of real-time and/or live streaming video information out of a plurality of pieces of real-time and/or live streaming video information that are gathered by a plurality of information gathering devices,

said server being adapted to link each of said terminal devices to the information gathering device that gathers a given number of pieces of real-time and/or live streaming video information that are asked for from its linked terminal device, out of said plurality information gathering devices, said server being also adapted to direct the information gathering devices to deliver the given number of pieces of real-time and/or live streaming video information to their linked terminal device,

each of said terminal devices being adapted to produce video image including a given number of real-time and/or live streaming video images that are received from the predetermined number of information gathering devices and display it on a predetermined certain screen

wherein said server sends a link destination setting table to each of said terminal devices,
the link destination setting table containing links to said information gathering devices,

each of said terminal devices accesses its linked information gathering device(s)
according to the link destination setting table,

wherein said server or said information gathering devices hold(s) the link destination
setting table that has been sent to each of said terminal devices,

each of said terminal devices being adapted to send the link destination setting table to said server or said information gathering devices upon access to its linked information gathering device(s).

said server or said information gathering devices comparing the link destination setting table that is held therein with the link destination setting table that is sent from said terminal devices upon access to their linked information gathering devices in order to control access by said terminal devices.

2-5. (Canceled)

6. (Original) The information exchange method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said information gathering device is a content server that provides a desired content to said terminal device.

7. (Currently Amended) An information processor used for furnishing, to terminal devices, a given number of pieces of streaming video information out of a plurality of pieces of real-time and/or live streaming video information that are gathered by a plurality of information gathering devices, comprising:

acceptance means for accepting a request from each of said terminal devices; and

linking means for linking each of said terminal devices to the information gathering device that gathers a given number of pieces of real-time and/or live streaming video information that are asked for from its linked terminal device, out of said plurality of information gathering

devices, in response to a request that has been accepted by said acceptance means from each of said terminal devices;

link destination setting table sending means for sending, to each of said terminal devices, a link destination setting table having link destinations, each of said terminal devices being permitted to link to said information gathering devices that are specified by said link destinations; and

access control means that holds the link destination setting table that has been sent to each of said terminal devices, said access control means comparing the link destination setting table that is held therein with the link destination setting table that is sent from said terminal devices upon access to their linked information gathering devices in order to control access by said terminal devices.

8-9. (Canceled)

10-13. (Canceled)

14. (Currently Amended) An information gathering system comprising:

a plurality of information gathering devices that gather real-time and/or live streaming video information; and

a server which is adapted to accept a request from a terminal device and to link said terminal device to the information gathering device that gathers the real-time and/or live streaming video information that is asked for from said terminal device, said server being also

adapted to direct said information gathering device to send the real-time and/or live streaming video information to said terminal device,

wherein said server sends a link destination setting table to said terminal device, the link destination setting table containing links to said information gathering devices,

said terminal device accesses its linked information gathering device(s) according to the link destination setting table,

wherein said server or said information gathering devices hold(s) the link destination setting table that has been sent to said terminal device,

said terminal device being adapted to send the link destination setting table to said server or said information gathering devices upon access to its linked information gathering device(s),

said server or said information gathering devices comparing the link destination setting table that is held therein with the link destination setting table that is sent from said terminal device upon access to its linked information gathering device(s) in order to control access by said terminal device.

15-16. (Canceled)

17. (Currently Amended) An information gathering system comprising:

a plurality of information gathering devices that gather real-time and/or live streaming video information; and

a server which is adapted to accept a request from a terminal device and to direct the information gathering device that gathers real-time and/or live streaming video information that

is asked for from said terminal device, to send the real-time and/or live streaming video information to said terminal device,

wherein said server sends a link destination setting table to said terminal device, the link destination setting table containing links to said information gathering devices,

said terminal device accesses its linked information gathering device(s) according to the link destination setting table,

wherein said server or said information gathering devices hold(s) the link destination setting table that has been sent to said terminal device,

said terminal device being adapted to send the link destination setting table to said server or said information gathering devices upon access to its linked information gathering device(s),

said server or said information gathering devices comparing the link destination setting table that is held therein with the link destination setting table that is sent from said terminal device upon access to its linked information gathering device(s) in order to control access by said terminal device.

18-30. (Canceled)